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## Missouri Chronology.

The following chronology of Missouri happenings was prepared by H. E. Robinson, President State Historical Society of Missouri, for use in the Missouri Book issued by the World's Fair. It represents a vast amount of work in verifying dates, etc., and can be depended upon to be as correct as finite beings can expect to be.

- 1851 Henry S. Geyer, Whig, elected U. S. Senator, by a coalition of Whigs and anti-Benton Democrats.
- 1852 Sterling Price elected governor.
- 1853 Hannibal & St. Joseph R. R. and St. Louis & Pacific R. R. under construction.
- 1855 August 27—Lieut. Gov. Wilson Brown died at Cape Girardeau.
- 1855 November 1—Gageon Bridge wreck on Missouri Pacific.
- 1856 Truman Polk elected governor.
- 1857 Gov. Polk elected to U. S. Senate and succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Hancock Jackson.
- 1858 R. M. Stewart elected governor.
- 1860 Claiborn F. Jackson elected governor. Population of Missouri, 1,182,012.
- 1861 February 23—Convention assembled to which was given control of all relations between the states.
- 1861 May 10—Camp Jackson captured.
- 1861 June 12—Gov. Jackson called for 50,000 militia.
- 1861 June 15—Federal troops occupy Jefferson City.
- 1861 June 17—Battle of Boonville, first on Missouri soil.
- 1861 June 18—Battle of Cole Camp.
- 1861 July 3—Battle of Carthage.
- 1861 July 30—The Convention declared the state offices vacant, and chose Hamilton R. Gamble provisional governor.
- 1861 August 10—Battle of Wilson Creek.
- 1861 September 21—Lexington surrendered to Gen. Price.
- 1861 September 25—Battle of Springfield field.
- 1861 November 22—War was burned.
- 1861 December 3—Battle at Salem.
- 1861 December 18—Battle at Shawanese Mound. Battle at Millford. Ordinance of Secession passed at Neosho by a minority gathering of legislature.
- 1862 February—Execution of 8 men at Palmyra by Gen. McNeill.
- 1862 August 6—Battle at Kirksville.
- 1862 August 15—Battle of Lone Jack.
- 1862 September—Battle of Newtonia.
- 1863 Battle of Springfield.
- 1863 Emancipation ordinance passed by the convention elected to pass an ordinance of secession.
- 1863 John B. Henderson and B. Gratz Brown elected as U. S. senators.
- 1864 Price's raid through Missouri.
- 1864 Thos. C. Fletcher elected governor.
- 1864 Battle of Pilot Knob. Centralia massacre: 20 unarmed men taken from train and shot by guerrillas.
- 1865 Constitutional convention held in St. Louis. Agricultural department of the State University established.
- 1867 Chas. D. Drake elected senator. Asiatic cholera prevailed along the Missouri.
- 1868 Joseph McClurg elected as governor. Monument to Thos. H. Benton unveiled in Lafayette Park, St. Louis.
- 1869 Carl Schurz elected senator. Foundation of Eads bridge laid.
- 1870 B. Gratz Brown elected as governor. Population of Missouri, 1,711,295. Ex-Governor Austin A. King died.
- 1871 Francis P. Blair elected senator in place of Chas. D. Drake, resigned. Ex-Governor R. M. Stewart died.
- 1872 The "Gunn City tragedy" in Cass county. Silas Woodson elected governor.
- 1873 Lewis V. Bogy elected as senator.
- 1874 Chas. H. Hardin elected governor.
- 1875 Centennial historical sketches of many counties published. F. M. Cockrell elected senator to suc-

ceed Schurz. Grasshoppers devastated western Missouri. Constitutional convention held at Jefferson City.

- 1876 John D. Phelps elected as governor.
- 1879 Geo. G. Vest elected senator.
- 1880 April 18—Over 100 killed by a cyclone at Marshfield and vicinity.
- 1880 Thos. T. Crittenden elected governor. Population of Missouri 2,168,380.
- 1882 Ex-Gov. Willard P. Hall died.
- 1884 John S. Marmaduke elected governor.
- 1887 Gov. Marmaduke died and was succeeded by Lieut. Gov. A. P. Moorehouse.
- 1888 David R. Francis elected governor. Population of Missouri, 2,679,184.
- 1891 Ex-Gov. Moorehouse committed suicide at his home in Maryville.
- 1892 Wm. J. Stone elected governor.
- 1894 Pertle Springs convention made free coinage of silver a national issue.
- 1896 Lou V. Stephens elected governor. Cyclone devastated a large part of St. Louis. Ex-Gov. Silas Woodson died.
- 1899 State Historical Society organized. April 27—Newton and Kirksville ravaged by a tornado: over 50 persons killed and 100 injured. Convention in St. Louis proposes Louisiana Purchase World's Fair.
- 1900 A. M. Dockery elected governor. Population of Missouri, 3,106,655.
- 1903 W. J. Stone elected to U. S. senate. Floods on all the rivers cause immense damage, especially in Kansas City. Ten people killed by cyclone at Elmo.

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Song, "Our Common School," School

Declaration, "Thanksgiving," Lulu

Harper.

Declaration, "A Little Bird's Song of

Praise," Norman Klapp.

Declaration, "Forest Greeting," Ernest

Walker.

Declaration, "Little Birdies," Georgie

Harper.

Motion song, "A Little Boy Went

Walking," Little Folks.

Declaration, "A True Story," Essie

Worley.

Declaration, "The Bashful Boy," Ed

gar Pullen.

Declaration, "Little Boy Blue," Gladys

Raiser.

Dialogue, "Sorry Little Children,"

Frances Wilson, Edna Rhodes, Clara

Pullen.

Declaration, "Meddlesome Mattie,"

Betha Fields.

Declaration, Dolly's Speech," Etta

Morgan.

Declaration, "Don't Kill the Birds,"

John Barrett.

Declaration, "Little Midget," Mable

Sipes.

Declaration, "Pitty Pat and Tippy

Toe," Erma Gibbs.

Declaration, "Playing School," Jonas

Barrett.

Declaration, "Helping Biddy's New

ory," Luther Sipes.

Declaration, "Baby," Nellie Beasley.

Declaration, "Questions," Marvin

Gibbs.

Declaration, "Mother," Lillie Mor-

gan.

Song, "We are a Merry Set of Boys,"

Boys.

Declaration, "Babyland," Nellie Cor-

drey.

Declaration, "Lullabye," Hattie

Rhodes.

Declaration, "Secret Faults," Grace

Cordrey.

Declaration, "The Runaway," Blanche

Hodgin.

Declaration, "Chiggers," Floyd

Decker.

Declaration, "How the Dimple

Came," Lillian Sipes.

Declaration, "One, Two, Three," Vivian

Gossett.

Declaration, "When Mamma Was a

Little Girl," Myrtle Sipes.

Declaration, "My Shadow," Freddie

Whipple.

Declaration, "How Marjorie Came to

School," Florence Sipes.

Dialogue, "How to Be Heroes," Peter

Beasley, Mitchell Hughes, Charlie Har-

per.

Declaration, "Four T's," Marion

Hughes.

Singing, Large room.

Declaration, "My Good For-Nothing,"

Katie Fields.

Declaration, "When I Was Twelve,"

Ernest Sipes.

Declaration, "How Many Stars,"

Mildred King.

Declaration, "Silver Lining," Clara

Pullen.

Declaration, "Tommy's Dog," Harry

Morgan.

Declaration, "The Reason Why,"

Edna Wilson.

Declaration, "The Letter to Papa,"

Lida Harper.

Declaration, "November," Elsie Wor-

ley.

Song, "Our Father's Care," Small

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Declaration, "The Turkey's Lament,"

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## ERRORS OF ENGLISH COURT

Cases of Mistaken Identity That Have Resulted in Great Hardships.

Every year sees a number of innocent men wrongly convicted, and while in some cases proofs of these judicial errors come to hand after the victims have served but a few months' imprisonment, in many instances the mistakes are not found out until after those convicted have served their full sentence.

The public rarely hears of these mistakes of justice, says London Answers, and yet in 1897 31 men and women were released and granted a free pardon after having been wrongly imprisoned for over four months. In none of these cases was the victim granted any compensation, nor does the law entitle them to redress in any shape or form, while not so much as a written or unwritten apology is their lot.

In cases of mistaken identity, similar to that of Adolph Beck, there are very few precedents of compensatory bounty having been granted, while those on record do not show a dispensation of very large sums. However, some 60 years ago a most flagrant instance of miscarriage of justice occurred. A well-known solicitor named Barber was, after a long trial, convicted of forgery and was sentenced to transportation for life.

A considerable time elapsed before proofs turned up which infallibly proved that justice had erred. In this case it was felt that there were moral and intellectual claims for compensation for suffering which had been borne so long, so terribly and so undeservedly on the shoulders of an innocent man. A long debate was held to determine the exact sum of money which could, in some measure at least, make up for the personal agony which the victim had undergone, and eventually the house of commons ordered the wronged man a bounty of £5,000.

Some three years ago a man from New Zealand was brought to Colchester, charged with having committed murder. Eventually, however, the case against him was dismissed, and taking into account the fearful strain which the innocent man must have suffered, the treasury granted him £600.

The largest sum which has ever been granted in almost exactly similar conditions to those under which Adolph Beck wrongfully suffered imprisonment occurred exactly 28 years ago, when a man named Habron was convicted of murder at Manchester. Fortunately, proofs of his innocence turned up, but not until some time later. Never had justice committed a greater mistake, and although it was felt that it would be impossible adequately to compensate the victim of this extraordinary case of mistaken identity, he was only granted a sum of £1,000.

There are numerous cases of mistaken identity in which the wrongfully convicted man has not received one penny of compensation. In 1895 a man named Stewart was charged with being an escaped convict. He firmly protested that his name was Stickler, but the evidence was so strong against him that he was sent back to prison. Two years elapsed before the police arrested a man who was exactly like Stewart, and then it was discovered that this man was the erstwhile missing jailbird.

Stickler, of course, was immediately released, but could claim no redress, and his only consolation was that he had not been compelled to serve the full sentence.

The exact value of circumstantial evidence is a much discussed question. William Shaw, some years ago, was hanged on circumstantial evidence for the murder of his daughter. About a year after his execution the tenant who rented Shaw's house discovered a letter written by the supposed murdered girl, in which she stated that as the man she loved had killed her, she had made up her mind to commit suicide. The authorities were, of course, unable to exonerate this terrible mistake; but the dead man's body was handed over to his relatives of reinterment, while flags were waved over the grave, and prominent officials attended the funeral in token that Shaw's innocence was recognized.

## Curious English Trade Custom.

The burning of the Dunlop-Welch tyre specifications at the banquet in commemoration of the expiration of the patents recalls another curious trade custom. In some parts of the country, when a public house loses its license the signboard is solemnly buried. On the last night it is removed from over the door and "waked" in the bar by the old customers. When the clock points to closing time and the house ceases its career as an inn the signboard is carried out in procession and interred with an appropriate burial service, which ends with watering the grave with a gallon of beer or a bottle of whisky.

## Child's Image on Bank-Notes.

The accepted design for the new Austrian five-kroner bank notes, which will be shortly issued, is remarkable for the picture of an unusually beautiful child's head, which forms its chief ornament. The model for this head was the son of Prinz Franz Josef Rohan, whom the artist saw one day in the street, and with whose beauty he was so much struck that he asked for the child's name, and obtained the parents' permission to make a drawing of him for this purpose.

## Renders Them Senseless.

A narcotic bomb has been invented by an Austrian surgeon which may be fired from any gun. The bomb has a time fuse, and when dropped among a regiment of the enemy will not explode, but will fill the air with narcotic gases strong enough to make 2,000 men unconscious for several hours.